

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1861 - HB 1985

March 16, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows a judge to place persons convicted of a felony and placed on probation to be supervised by a private probation services company. Currently, private probation services companies are only authorized to supervise persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses. The bill also increases the maximum amount of monthly probation supervision fee that may be paid by a probationer from \$35 to \$45.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$300,000

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an average supervision fee of \$15 per month is paid to the Board of Probation and Parole.
- 15% of 14,500 or 2175 felons placed on probation each year will be referred to private probation companies and the private probation companies will receive the \$15 per month supervision fees from these probationers that had been paid to the Board of Probation and Parole.
- caseloads for the Board will be reduced; however, because of current high caseloads and because the most difficult are those that need the most intense supervision, any decrease in state expenditures for staff will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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